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From: Wesson, Dolores
Sent: Tue 4/5/2016 9:20:26 PM
Subject: FW: FYI- Concern re: EPA subaward to What's Upstream website

From: Wesson, Dolores
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 5:15 PM
To: Rylko, Michael <Rylko.Michael@epa.gov>
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Michael,

Is this funded by the PSP? We have some issues that are starting to come up around this. Ron Carlton the Ag Advisor to the Administrator is going to want to understand this. We need to understand what the funding sources for this website.

Dolores

From: Larsen, Erika
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 4:54 PM
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Hi Dolores,

I work on agricultural issues in the Nonpoint Source Branch, with Katie, and Vince just told me you are the contact for the Puget Sound NEP. I spoke with Donna Perla earlier today, the special assistant to Ron Carleton our Agricultural Advisor to the Administrator, about this whatsupstream.com website; see email thread below from R10 Acting Ag Advisor. I wanted to make sure you were aware of this, (I'm assuming you are), but also ask if you have any background information on this issue in R10 and the NEP grant? I can stop by or give you a call if that's easier.

Thanks!

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Erika Larsen

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From: Gockel, Catherine

Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 6:41 PM

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Hi Ron,

I wanted to make sure that you are aware of a hot topic in Region 10:

Agricultural groups in Washington and Idaho have expressed concern with a public outreach and education campaign on agriculture and non-point source pollution conducted by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Northwest Washington. This campaign is funded under a large

Puget Sound National Estuary Program (NEP) grant to the Tribal Lead Organization (the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission) through a subaward to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. See <http://whatsupstream.com/>.

A website "SaveFamilyFarming.org" has been established that rebuts statements and assertions made in the Whatsupstream.com website and specifically raises questions or draws note to EPA's award and subaward practices. See <http://www.savefamilyfarming.org/>.

Press coverage: <http://www.capitalpress.com/Washington/20160324/federally-funded-website-hits-at-washington-farmers>

Statement from US Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kansas, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry):
http://www.roberts.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=PressReleases&ContentRecord_id=791B30D9-1C0E-45E7-890D-ADB3D7E0BC8D

Also, I will be transitioning out of my Acting Ag Advisor role at the end of the week. Steven Potokar will be Region 10's next Acting Ag Advisor, and will participate in the weekly calls. It's been a pleasure working with you.

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Best regards,

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